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> The situation of Hungarian industry, directly or indirectly concerned with war production, is described as of the first half of November 1948 as follows:

- 1. Kiosgyor All factories in this district have been nationalized and are officially known as Hungarian State Machine Factories. Production formerly included artillery of all calibers, armored fighting vehicles, heavy armored plates, and armored trains in addition to rolling stock. At present, factories in Diosgyor are for the most part engaged in the production of rolling stock, which is being delivered to the Soviet Union.
- The former Manfred Weiss works at Csepel are producing airplane engines and air frames, of which 70 percent are being delivered to the Soviet Union as reparations. For Hungarian consumption, these works are turning out rifles, field kitchen equipment, tents, and other military necessities.
- The Danubia works in Budapest are producing Hungarian model, light machine guns and rifles of 7.62 mm caliber, which has been modified along the lines of the Soviet model. The former Hungarian model was of 8 mm caliber.
- The Juhasz and Gamma works in Budapest are engaged in the production of precision instruments for artillery and anti-aircraft including time fuses.
- The Roessemann es Harmatta factory in Budapest, with about 450 employees, are producing signalling equipment for the railroads, Knorr brakes, and cables for cable railways. Of the 7.5 million forint which represents the 1948 budget for the Ministry of Communications, 25 percent has been allotted in orders to this factory.
- The Budapest telephone cabbe factory, Hungaria-Ring, is producing dynamos for low tension current destined for the state railroads, Knorr brakes for locomotives, automatic telephone exchanges and apparatus, field telephones, military radio sets, and radio equipment in general. This factory is handling 50 percent of the Ministry of Communications' budget.

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7. In the general area to the north of Lake Balaton, one of the largest centers for the aluminum industry in Europe is being set up between Veseprem and Sumeg, where there are very large bauxite deposits. The various works producing aluminum in this area are referred to as "Almas-Fusito". The total production from these works has been commandeered by the Soviets and is being constantly transported to the Soviet Union.

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